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1. Several ex-Nazi Party members living in Quito are known to have been awaiting the arrival of Ernesto Panse, former Nazi Party paymaster for the Germans in Ecuador before and during World War II. The Germans in Quito are reliably reported to be anticipating "new orders from Europe". Panse and two other Nazis, Adolfo Klaere and A. Ponto, were scheduled to arrive in Guayaquil on an Italian ship, the SS Sebastiano Caboto, on 12 August 1948.
 2. This information was obtained at a meeting of Germans held in the home of Heinz Schulte in Quito. The arrival of Panse is believed to indicate that some new Pan-German activity is to be initiated.
 3. All three of the returning Germans, who were previously deported from Ecuador, have their families and modest sums of blocked holdings in the country. [REDACTED] opinion is that the ex-Nazis may be coming back to Ecuador to earn an honest living, but he is not sure of this since Panse was always a fanatical Hitlerite.
 4. The returning Germans planned to go immediately to Quito to establish their residences.

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